

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Malaysia

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Malaysia to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 16 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Arrive O/A 15 July, depart O/A Dec of the following year.

(3) Program Description: One FAO per year conducts ICT in Malaysia. From 1 Jan to 5 Dec the officer attends the Maktab Turus Angkatan Tentera (Malaysian Armed Forces General Staff College, MAFSC) in Kuala Lumpur (KL). Class begins the first week of Jan and graduates in early Dec each year. In-country travel is conducted before the course begins, and during the course as part of MAFSC trips.

(4) Prerequisites: MAJ; Bahasa Malaysia, Bahasa Indonesia 2/2/2; Branch immaterial, but Combat Arms is preferred. Gender: No restriction.

b. Transportation: The FAO is authorized shipment of one POV (must not be older than 5 model years), but recommend against U.S. models due to the unavailability of repair parts and left-hand road driving system. FAO should consider local purchase on arrival. There is no FAO vehicle on station.

c. Household Goods: FAO is authorized full JFTR. The incoming FAO should coordinate with the resident FAO for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. The Embassy maintains major appliances, such as washing machine, dryer, stove, and refrigerator.

d. Housing. The FAO lives on the local economy and receives OHA and COLA.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The U.S. Embassy operates a clinic staffed with a full time nurse. The closest American physician is the Regional Medical Officer (RMO) at the U.S. Embassy in Singapore. The RMO makes periodic trips to the Embassy in KL. There are a number of excellent medical facilities in KL. Gleneagles and Subang Jaya Hospital are new, modern, and close to the embassy.

(5) Dependent Schooling: The International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL) is a DoDDS-accredited, highly respected institution serving grades K through 12. It offers a wide range of activities. Tuition for dependent schooling at ISKL or other special schooling is paid for by the government and will be coordinated through the Embassy.

(6) PX/Commissary: The Embassy operates a small commissary with an initial membership fee of \$200, refundable on departure. Nearly all household and food items are available in Kuala Lumpur at affordable prices. The commissary places bulk orders twice a year. Incoming FAOs should hand-carry special items, including regularly needed prescriptions.

(7) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy.

\* Regular APO mails: USDAO-FAO, US Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, APO AP 96535-8152.

\* International Mail Address: U.S Embassy, PO Box 10035, 50700 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(8) Phone: 011-603-248-9011, ext. 234

(9) Message: USDAO KUALA LUMPUR MY.

e. Rater/Senior Rater:

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**3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

a. Recommend FAOs bring all materials from OAC/CAS3/CGSC, and foreign language materials.

b. Bring all uniforms, to include dress blue for both U.S. Embassy and MAFSC functions.

c. Regional Travel Priorities:

- (1) Priority One – Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia.
- (2) Priority Two – Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Burma, China.
- (3) Priority Three – Japan, Laos, Cambodia.

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